

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-23 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-23 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-12, 14-17, and 20-23 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,466,989 issued to Hslao-Wei Chu (hereafter "Chu"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that Chu fails to anticipate each and every element of the Applicants' claimed invention.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1997). Furthermore, "the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co. Ltd.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Applicants respectfully submit that the Chu reference cited as anticipatory by the Examiner cannot anticipate the rejected Claims, because Chu does not show all the elements of the presented claims.

Chu discloses a "network connection device having internal circuitry capable of wiring correctly to a network cable". The network connection device of Chu merely claims operability in "forming proper wiring connection to a network cable". The Chu disclosure is directed to a network cabling connection verification device operable merely to verify polarities of a connected network cable. In a first respect, Chu fails to anticipate each and every element of Applicants' claimed invention as Chu presumes the connection of its cabling verification device to a network cable. In a second respect, Chu fails to anticipate each and every element of Applicants' claimed invention as Chu merely verifies network cabling polarity connections between the network device to which desired cabling is already connected and the network cabling polarity verification device itself. Consequently,

Applicants respectfully assert that Chu fails to anticipate each and every element of the Applicants' claimed invention.

In particular, Chu fails to anticipate a "method for cabling a plurality of computing components for a desired installation" including, among other operations, "determining a cabling connection to be made between a first computing component and a second computing component" and "generating a signal on the first computing component and the second computing component indicative of the cabling connection to be made" as recited in Applicants' Claim 1. Further, Chu fails to anticipate an apparatus including, among other elements, a "program of instructions operable to generate at least one signal indicative of a cabling connection to be made between at least a first computing component of a plurality of computing components operably coupled to the communications network" as recited in Applicants' Claim 10. In addition, Chu fails to anticipate a computing system including, among other elements, a computing component "operable to identify a first computing component to be connected to a second computing component and operable to identify the second computing component to be connected to the first computing component and further operable to generate at least one signal on the first computing component indicative of a cabling connection to be made between the first computing component and the second computing component" as recited in Applicants' claim 16. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejection to Claims 1, 10 and 16, withdraw the rejections and pass Claims 1, 10 and 16 to issuance.

Claims 2-9 depend from and provide further patentable limitations to independent Claim 1. Claims 11, 12, 14 and 15 depend from and provide further patentable limitations to independent Claim 10. Claims 17 and 20-23 depend from and provide further patent limitations to independent Claim 16. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections to Claims 2-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 20-23, withdraw the rejections and pass Claims 2-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 20-23 to issuance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 5, 13, 18, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu in view of U.S. Patent 5,761,294 issued to Shmuel Shaffer et al. (hereafter "Shaffer"). Applicants respectfully traverse and submit that Claim 5, Claim 13 and Claims 18-19 depend from and provide further patentable limitations to independent Claims 1, 10 and 16, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections to Claims 5, 13, 18 and 19, withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 5, 13, 18 and 19.

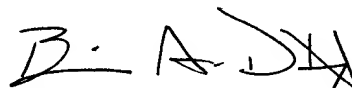
CONCLUSION

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful review of the application. Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all remaining claims.

Applicants believe there are no additional fees due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 02-0383 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2674.

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